Commission vendors

*149. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 543 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2006 and state:

(a) whether IRCTC has communicated the letter no. 2004/TGIII/639/2, dated the 1st December, 2005 to the commission vendors;

(b) if so, the references thereof;

(c) what were the exact terms and conditions of 'options'; and

(d) whether the commission vendors are under the administrative control of IRCTC?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (d) Board's instructions *vide* letter No. 2004/TG.III/639/2 dated: 1.12.2005 [copy annexed as statement *See* below] were circulated among the commission bearers/ vendors by the Zonal Railways. As per these instructions, all commission vendors/bearers should be regularized with complete relaxation of educational qualifications instead of ability to read and write. However, not more than two opportunities should be given to an individual for such regularization. Such individuals who do not avail the maximum permissible two opportunities should be treated as 'not interested' and should be debarred. All commission vendors/bearers should retire at an age of 60 years.

The commission vendors/bearers, attached to the departmental catering units, are under the administrative control of IRCTC.

Statement

Copy of the Board's instructions regarding Commission Vendors Bearers

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

No. 2004/TG-III/639/2 New Delhi, dated 01.12.2005.

The General Manager,
All Indian Railways.

Sub:-Absorption of Commission Vendors/Bearers over Indian Railway

The absorption of Commission Vendors/Bearers was discussed in the

Board Meeting held on 16th November, 2005 and the Board have taken the following decisions:-

(i) All Commission Vendors/Bearers should be regularized with complete relaxation of educational qualifications instead of ability to read and write. However, not more than 2 opportunities should be given to an individual for such regularization. Such individuals who do not avail the maximum permissible 2 opportunities should be treated as 'not interested' and should be debarred.

(ii) All commission Vendors/Bearers should retire at an age of 60 years.

(iii) In case of those Commission Vendors/Bearers who are absorbed as Group 'D' staff on the Railwys, direct compassionate appointment to their widow/ward will be permissible as per the extant rules in case of their death or medical incapacitation before their retirement.

You are requested to absorb the Commission Vendors/Bearers immediately on the guidelines.

Action taken report on the above may kindly be furnished at the earliest for appraisal of Board.

Sd/-

(Dr. P.K. Goel)
Executive Director/T&C
Railway Board

Copy to:

CPOs & CCMs of Zonal Railways, for information & necessary action.

Curbing shortage and black marketing of fertilizers

†*150. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent urea and fertilizers, sent to the States under the Essential Commodities Act, are given full subsidy;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.